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RELEASEABLE FASTENING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Please consider this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the enclosed Election prior to examination of the above application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.